

Massachusetts Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MAADAC)

State Meeting (CCSAD)

Friday, September 6, 2019

Present: Joe Kelleher (President), Ronda Jones Tobey (Vice President), Tom Crowley (First Vice President), Linda Mullis (Treasurer), John Finneran (Secretary), Linda Mazak, Mark Rebello.

### Agenda & Minutes

1. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion to accept minutes of last meeting made by Joseph Kelleher, second by John Finneran and passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Linda Mullis reported total assets of \$27, 873.35, of which \$12,873.35 was located in a business checking account, and \$15, 050.73 in two CDs as of 9/1/2019. Total expenses as of 8/27/2019 amounted to \$3479.24 including advertising and education costs associated with participation in this year's Cape Cod Symposium for Addictive Disorders. Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report made by Joseph Kelleher, seconded by John Finneran and passed unanimously.
3. Annual Membership Meeting and Training: Speakers for January 10, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and Training will be held at the Doubletree Westborough Hotel from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM in Westborough MA. Mark Rebello has extended invitations to State Representative James O' Day, Jeremiah's Inn Clinical Director Jeffrey Busby, and Worcester Police Department Chief Steven Sargent for the morning session. Training topic for this year's meeting will focus on Medication & Recreational Cannabis in Treatment: Clinical Issues. President Kelleher will explore identifying the main speaker for the presentation. There was discussion of obtaining CEU credits for Social Workers and LMHCs as a means of increasing attendance at the meeting. This year, we have arranged for a larger room and need at least 70 attendees to meet the increased costs.

4. Awards: The following individuals are under consideration as possible recipients of this year's awards.
  - a. Counselor of the Year – Mark Rebello
  - b. Special Recognition (Honorary) Award – Maura Healey, Attorney General Commonwealth of Massachusetts or Ray Tomasio, President of Gosnold
  - c. Robert Logue Memorial Presidents Award – Dr. Matilde Castiel, Commissioner of Health and Human Services, City of Worcester
  - d. Outstanding Service Award – Jeffrey Busby, Jeremiah's Inn
  
5. Increasing MAADAC Membership: Motion was made to purchase Massachusetts CADC membership for \$175 to recruit new members for MAADAC by John Finneran, second by Joe Kelleher, passed unanimously.
  
  
6. New Business: The Board took up discussion around the question of allowing Recovery Coaches to be given NAADAC membership in preparation for the upcoming Annual Meeting of NAADAC. The issue of the current credentialing and reimbursement of Recovery Coaches, and the serious ethical issues posed by Recovery Coaches working outside of their area of expertise represents a significant risk of undermining the hard-won gains involving professional standards of counselors in the addiction field. Board expressed strong concern of using Recovery Coaches in positions of providing clinical care at agencies and operating outside their areas of clinical expertise. The Board asked President Kelleher to present these concerns later this month at the NAADAC Annual Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2019, 9:30 am at Adcare Educational Institute – Reminder will be sent, but mark your calendars.

Prepared: 9/6/19 by J. Finneran, Secretary